

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Yakima Washington

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE BY)
KATHLEEN PRYOR)
REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE PLACE OF USE) Emergency Drought
AND POINT OF DIVERSION OF WATER USE UNDER) Change Authorization
GROUND WATER CERTIFICATE NO. 7182-A)
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In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 14, 2001, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 176-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an EMERGENCY DROUGHT CHANGE AUTHORIZATION. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

Background

On June 13, 2001, Kathleen Pryor filed an application to change existing water rights in Okanogan County to other property in Chelan County. Irrigation on their lands is authorized under existing interruptible water rights subject to interruption under the Columbia River Instream Resources Protection Program, WAC 173-563. The application was assigned application number CG4-GWC7182-A.

WAC 173-166-080 allows the state to authorize temporary transfers of irrigation rights provided that the acreage on the second parcel does not exceed the acreage reduction on the first parcel.

Ground Water Certificate No. 7182-A

Ground Water Certificate No. 7182-A, with a priority date of September 18, 1969, was issued to Kathleen M. Pryor and authorizes the withdrawal of 200 gallons per minute (gpm), and 62 acre-feet per year for the irrigation of 20 acres from a well in continuity with the Methow River. The point of withdrawal is located in Government Lot 4 within Section 20, T. 30 N., R. 23 E.W.M. The place of use is described as:

In T. 30 N., R. 23 E.W.M.: Government Lot 8, Section 19; west 292.9 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 20; north 800 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 30; the west 292.9 feet of that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 29 lying northerly of State Road Plat No. 439 and the west 500 feet of the north 800 feet of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 29 lying southerly of said road; ALL LESS rights of way.

The applicant proposes to change the irrigation of 14 acres of non-interruptible water rights of Certificate No. 7182-A to other property down river.

The new place of use contains 14 acres located on property currently provided irrigation water under Ground Water Permit No. G4-31064P, which is subject to interruption when the Columbia River falls below the minimum flow levels established in Chapter 173-563-040 WAC.

Permit No. G4-31064P authorized the irrigation of 60 acres located within a parcel of land described as: The east 1500 feet of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 south of the Malaga Alcoa Hwy., T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M., Chelan County. The authorized point of withdrawal is located approximately 600 feet south and 1000 feet west from the NE corner of Section 35, T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M. This well did not produce sufficient water to irrigate, so it has been capped off and may be used as a domestic exempt well in the future. A change application was submitted on October 3, 1995 to add an additional existing point of withdrawal drilled in March 1995 and is located approximately 900 feet south and 1200 feet west from the SE corner of Section 35, T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M. The applicant proposes to use this newer well for irrigation under Ground Water Permit No. G4-31064P and this Drought Emergency Change Application. Both wells are in the same $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and withdraw water from the same aquifer in continuity with the Columbia River.

The new emergency points of withdrawal for Ground Water Certificate No. 7182-A will be from an existing well approximately 65 miles down river and located approximately 900 feet south and 1200 feet west from the NE corner of Section 35, T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M.

Approximately 14 acres of irrigation will not occur on the authorized place of use this year under Ground Water Certificate No. 7182-A and it is proposed that this amount of irrigation be transferred down river.

Conclusions and Decision

Authorizing these changes of water rights down river along the Columbia River will not impair existing water rights.

This **DROUGHT EMERGENCY CHANGE DECISION** authorizes the transfer of 14 acres of irrigation under Ground Water Certificate No. 7182-A in Okanogan County to property in Chelan County described as follows:

All of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 35 lying southerly of Chelan Highway No. 1 of Section 35, T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M., EXCEPT the westerly 1130 feet of said subdivision.

A water duty of 10 gpm and 3.1 acre-feet per acre is authorized for use on the property or 140 gpm and 43.4 acre-feet per year for 14 acres.

The point of withdrawal is an existing point of withdrawal located approximately 900 feet south and 1200 feet west from the NE corner of Section 35, within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T. 22 N., R. 21 E.W.M.

Provisions

The following provisions shall apply to this change authorization:

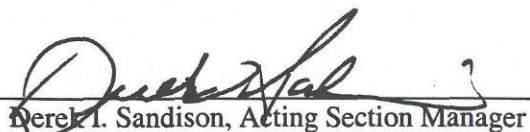
Within 15 days of receipt of this authorization, the applicant shall submit a map to Ecology showing the lands (5 acres) formerly irrigated under Surface Water Certificate No. S4-01196C that will not be irrigated under this right and the lands (5 acres) to be irrigated at the new place of use as a result of this change.

A measuring device approved by the Department of Ecology must be installed prior to use of the water.

Bi-weekly (every 2 weeks) readings of the measuring device shall be recorded and shall include the date and time of measurement, water flow rate, volume of water, and the name of the person taking the meter readings. Within 30-days of the end of this irrigation season, the permittee shall send a copy of this data to the Central Regional Office.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 31, 2001.

APPROVED BY:


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Enclosure(s):